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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In order to comply with Applicant duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of a document known to Applicants. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicants does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted later than within (3) months of the filing date of the application, but prior to the mailing date of the first Office

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**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Any document listed on the attached PTO-1449 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. English-language counterparts of foreign-language documents have been provided where readily available. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

All of the documents are in English.

Applicants respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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